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BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. O'Steen, a son, Lawrence Charles, April 8, 1953, wt. 6 lb., 14 oz.

ENGAGED: Miss Gudrun Skavanger to Mr. L. H. Roeland. The wedding date has been set for June 27, 1953.

EMPLOYEE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF POLL ON WELFARE ASSOCIATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Greatest dissatisfaction with Department of Agriculture cafeterias is on the item of price, according to a report on the recent cafeteria survey questionnaire at the REA Employee Council monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The survey in REA was conducted by Louis D. Knowles and Robert Partridge, REA representatives of the U. S. D. A. Welfare Association, following a resolution by the Employee Council last month asking them to take steps for improvements in cafeteria operation. Partridge said they had already reported to the Welfare Board, and that a number of other agencies expressed interest in conducting similar questionnaires.

The questionnaire was on the basis of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with four items, and the results tabulated from 313 questionnaires returned out of 500 circulated showed the following percentages dissatisfied: quality 45.7%; quantity, 46.7%; price 75.4%; and variety 59.4%. Of the total, 19.5% were dissatisfied on all four items, while 88.8% were dissatisfied with at least one item.

Among the items mentioned more often were serving cold food, monotonous menus, too many "meat stretchers, need for improved selections on luncheon combinations, and high price of coffee and sandwiches. Unfavorable comparisons with other government cafeterias were also cited.

Knowles and Partridge planned to discuss the results of the survey with a Welfare Association officer late this week.

Poll On Working Hours

The Council's recent poll in SPAN on preference as to working hours showed 557 in favor of 8:30 to 5, and 155 favoring the present hours. Of these favoring earlier hours, 143 wanted even earlier working time, from 8 to 4:30. The results were passed on to the U. S. D. A. Employee Council.

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DANCE MAY 6 - 1953
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SELL RAPIDLY

Tickets to the REA 18th Birthday Ball, to be held at the National Airport Terrace Room on Saturday, May 9th, were selling rapidly this week, according to Walt Ettleman, chairman of the Admissions and Tickets Committee.

"The Operations Division" he told SPAN, "purchased its entire quota of tickets the first day they went on sale. Other divisions and areas are also showing comparable enthusiasm."

Everett Weibzell, chairman of the Dance Committee, stated that the committee sincerely hopes that Administrator and Mrs. Ancher Nelsen will be present. Invitations have gone out to the three former administrators.

Tickets are \$1.50 per person, tax included, and may be purchased from the following co-chairmen of Ettleman's committee:

Administrators Office -- Glen Wagner
Tech Standards -- Joseph Barnard
Engineering -- Ray Ballard
Controllers -- Catherine Martinovich
Operations -- Henry Holmes
Administrative Services -- Ruth Connor
Information Services -- Drew McLay
Personnel -- Alta Hamlin
Program Analysis -- Dick Schmitt
Tel. Engineering -- Jim Denton
Telephone Loans -- Joe Pilch
Power Division -- Bill Morris
Northeast -- Harold Sarle
Southeast -- Tom Ronan
North-Central -- Reba Eberts
Southwestern -- Tim Callahan
Western -- I. V. Czeskleba
Solicitors -- Tom O'Reilly

Other committee members are as follows:

Admissions (in addition to Ettleman)
Jean Markland and Art Frank,
Program and Publicity: Bill Spivey,
Bob Moore and Berny Krug.
Birthday Gifts: Charlie Jackson,
Jules Mack and Everett Brown
Cake and Decorations: Agnes Stasek
and Jim Mallory.

Two birthday gifts (door prizes) will be awarded, and the traditional cake-cutting ceremony will be held during the intermission.

Jack Morton's Orchestra will play for dancing, from ten to one.

FOR SALE

General Electric roaster, practically new. Roasts entire meal at one time. Automatic. Priced very low for quick sale. Call 5606.

BOWLING

NOTICE: Bowling will start at 8:00 p.m. tonight AND FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

Team			
Controllers	48	30	37657
Western	46	29	36103
Brass Hats	43	32	35921
Eight Balls	42	33	36442
Rollers	42	33	34889
Southeast	43	35	37717
Tech Standards	42	36	38149
Southwest	39	36	35848
TeraPins	34	41	34582
HiLines	35	43	36535
Bizzy Signals	33	42	34607
Ghostwriters	33	42	33956
Generators	32	43	35100
Operators	32	43	34558
Boilermakers	29	46	34942

HIGHLIGHTS: Joe Quinn (Rollers) won the dollar weekly prize for high game over average with 142, 45 over. Other high scores: Dave Adison 141-368, Nick Kischitz 139-350, Quinn 346, Todryk 347, DeCenzo 337, Reaves 336, Mittell 333, Ann Parrott 310, Kay Martinovich 284, Linda Wilson 281. Oddity: Leo Wilson's 91, 91, 91.

FOR SALE - Three 100% Orlon "Airman" Shirts, size 15-33, pastel tan, blue, grey. Orig. \$8.95 each. Sell all 3 for \$13. Call Dot Jones, 5544.

WANTED - Riders in car pool between McLean Gardens and USDA, mornings and/or evenings. Call Mrs. McMillan, 5845.

FOR SALE - Porch glider, \$35, white metal with reversible red plastic cushions. New last July. Call 3813.

WANTED - Ride from vicinity of 15th and R St., NW, to USDA. Mabel Richardson, 6178.

For SALE - Man's Northcoöl suit, like new, grey blue, size 37. Also 4 Russian Bassewick fur skins, tawny brown, prac. new. Best offer. Also Univex Mercury camera and case, 35 mm, model cc, exc. condition. \$25. Anita Tulloss, 5386.

WANTED - Riders or rotators from Congress Heights area. Dave Wertheim, 3231.

The Western Area announces, with regret, the sudden death of M. E. ("Gene") Hays, General Field Representative, in Sheridan, Wyoming, on April 14, 1953.

EARL ARNOLD ON RADIO APRIL 23rd - - Earl Arnold was interviewed this week on the subject of electrical safety by Bill Givens, KYW (Phila.) Farm Director. This was one of a series of tape recorded interviews Givens arranged with USDA people for his daily morning radio program. He has scheduled Earl's recording for April 23, at about 6:15 a.m. The tape will later be sent to KDKA, Pittsburgh, for use a few days later.

BLOODMOBILE CHAIRMEN are: Admin Ofc, Jerry Farrar; Adm. Services, Laura Horn; Controllers, Walt Ettleman; North Central, Dan Hammond; Northeast, Hubert Moore; Southeast, Tom Ronan; Southwest, Clem Bray; Western, Art Frank; Engineers, Florence Clucas; Info, Allyn Walters; Operations, Don Hannon; Personnel, Madelyn Lewis; Power, Naomi Dixon; Tech Standards, Dave Hall; Tel Eng., Tony DiMuzio; Tel Loans, Joe Pilch, and Program Analysis, Hazel Harvey.

FLASH - - Anyone interested in playing softball, call Heward Green, ext. 4676.

BLOODMOBILE VISITS HERE NEXT TUESDAY

There is still time to sign up for the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit here next Tuesday, April 21.

There is an especially heavy demand for blood now because of its use in producing gamma globulin to prevent paralysis in certain types of polio, according to Art Willey, REA Red Cross Blood Donor Chairman. The department quota for Tuesday is the largest that has yet been set. Needs for other civilian and military use continue heavy.

Anyone who wishes to give blood is urged to contact his division or area office chairman immediately. Last minute volunteers may call Bette Vaughn on 4570 for appointments.

FURNITURE BARGAINS: Simmons hide-a-bed, studio couch, lounge chair, maple breakfast set, maple chest, upright piano, Maytag washer, other household items. Helen Peyton, ext. 6002. (After 6:30 pm, call WO-6-0845, ext. 603-A.)

SPAN SCOOPS

Credit Union Members Attention: Get your new discount books and membership cards at Credit Union office, room 2003, Mon., Wed. and Fri., 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. . . . Bill Spivey's cousin bought a 28 ft. cabin cruiser and is letting Bill Use it indefinitely. (D--n the torpedoes, full steam ahead!) . . . Welcome back to Bill Horkan after a long illness . . . Gordon Messmer vacationing in Florida. . . Here's wishing a speedy recovery to Anne Schultz' mother. . . Fred Rinaca, former REAer and now with Investors Syndicate, is recuperating OK after an operation in Austin, Tex. . . Harold Hayes, formerly Info, is with the Dairy Industry Supplies Association; Jerry Perlmutter, who succeeded him in Info is now with EPQ. . . Dan Jones is back from the Navy and working with Dan Teare. Ask him to tell you the briefcase story. . . A. Walters was the first Air Force Reservist interviewed in the inventory being conducted this month at the Armory. Second was Arnold Sukrow, former REAer, now with MSA Personnel.